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S. RES. 608

Recognizing the contributions of Hispanic Serving Institutions, and the 20 years of educational endeavors provided by the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 30 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 29), 2006

Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SMITH, Mr. FRIST, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. REID, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. MENENDEZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the contributions of Hispanic Serving Institutions, and the 20 years of educational endeavors provided by the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.

Whereas 202 Hispanic Serving Institutions provide a gateway to higher education for the Hispanic community, enrolling nearly half of all Hispanic students in college today;

Whereas the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, founded in San Antonio, Texas, has grown from 18 founding colleges and universities, to more than 400 United States colleges and universities, which the Association recognizes as Hispanic Serving Institutions, associate members, and partners;

Whereas the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities plays a vital role in advocating for the growth, development, and infrastructure enhancement of Hispanic Serving Institutions in order to provide a better and more complete postsecondary education for Hispanics and other students who attend these institutions;

Whereas the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities is the only national education association that represents Hispanic Serving Institutions and advocates on a national and State level for the educational achievement and success of Hispanic students in higher education;

Whereas the membership of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities has extended beyond the borders of the United States to include over 45 colleges and universities in Latin America, Spain, and Portugal in order to expand education, research, and outreach through international opportunities for faculty, internships, scholarships, and governmental partnerships for students at Hispanic Serving Institutions; and

Whereas the 4th week in October 2006 is an appropriate time to express such recognition during the 20th Anniversary Conference of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities in San Antonio, Texas: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes the national role of the Hispanic
3 Association of Colleges and Universities as an advocate and champion for Hispanic higher education
4 and congratulates the organization on its 20th Anniversary;
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1 (2) applauds Hispanic Serving Institutions for
2 their work to provide quality educational opportuni-
3 ties to all Hispanic and other students who attend
4 their institutions; and

5 (3) urges university presidents, faculty, staff,
6 and supporters of Hispanic higher education to con-
7 tinue their efforts to recruit, retain, educate, and
8 graduate students who might not otherwise pursue a
9 postsecondary education.

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